

Statement by Student for Snowden at Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts

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Two years ago, when Edward Snowden alerted the world to the NSA's unwarranted mass surveillance of American and foreign citizens, he demonstrated a strong commitment to liberty and justice, principles that this country was founded upon.

Today, we must not let his valor be in vain. We must redouble our efforts to end unconstitutional mass surveillance that is costly and does more harm than good. It is our responsibility as Americans and as global citizens to reject such unjust practices of our government. Accordingly, we oppose the re-authorization of Section 215 of the Patriot Act as well as other bills that ensure continued and far-reaching mass surveillance.

While former military official and CIA director David Petraeus — convicted of leaking classified information to his biographer — goes free, Snowden remain unable to enter the country and whistleblower Chelsea Manning continues to serve a 35-year prison sentence. We students of The New School, proudly support Snowden, Chelsea Manning, William Binney, and other whistleblowers. We thank them.

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